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**From:** McKim, Krista [mckim.krista@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/22/2018 8:22:22 PM  
**To:** Marko, Katharine [Marko.Katharine@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

Let me look at the files that were attached with the permit. I think there was an antideg file there.

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**From:** Marko, Katharine  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 11:40 AM  
**To:** McKim, Krista <mckim.krista@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

Do you happen to know the answer to Aaron's question?

Katie

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**From:** Johnson, Aaron  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:09 PM  
**To:** Marko, Katharine <Marko.Katharine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

Hi Katie,

Thanks for sending this along. I'll plan on looking at the antideg determination sometime before the end of the week. Based on a quick glance at it, it looks like it's focused on the 404 portion of the project. Do you know if that's the intent and they'll have another antideg review for the proposed NPDES permit or if they're intending this to be the antideg review for the proposed NPDES permit also?

Aaron

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**From:** Marko, Katharine  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Aaron <Johnson.AaronK@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

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**From:** Swenson, Peter  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** Korleski, Christopher <korleski.christopher@epa.gov>; Burdick, Melanie <Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov>; Melgin, Wendy <melgin.wendy@epa.gov>; Wester, Barbara <wester.barbara@epa.gov>; Marko, Katharine <Marko.Katharine@epa.gov>; Pfeifer, David <pfeifer.david@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** FW: PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

MPCA has provided a pre-PN draft 401 certification for Polymet 404 permit. We have a tentative time of Jan 24 at 2 pm to discuss this with MPCA.

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**From:** Kuskie, Melissa (MPCA) [<mailto:melissa.kuskie@state.mn.us>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:44 AM

**To:** Korleski, Christopher <[korleski.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:korleski.christopher@epa.gov)>; Swenson, Peter <[swenson.peter@epa.gov](mailto:swenson.peter@epa.gov)>; Melgin, Wendy <[melgin.wendy@epa.gov](mailto:melgin.wendy@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Stollenwerk, Jeff (MPCA) <[jeff.stollenwerk@state.mn.us](mailto:jeff.stollenwerk@state.mn.us)>

**Subject:** PolyMet Pre-public Notice Draft 401 Water Quality Certification

Good morning,

The MPCA is providing you with this pre-public notice draft 401 water quality certification (401 certification) for Poly Met Mining, Inc.'s proposed NorthMet Project in St. Louis County. The draft 401 certification includes the attached draft 401 certification document, preliminary antidegradation determination, and fact sheet. The project application materials are available on the MPCA's 401 Certification for NorthMet webpage here: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/401-certification-northmet>.

The public comment period for the draft certification is expected to begin within the next few weeks; at that time, information on how to provide comment during the formal public comment period will be available on the State of Minnesota's PolyMet Portal (<http://polymet.mn.gov/>). Information on how to provide comment during the formal comment period is also included in the attached fact sheet.

The MPCA and DNR will be holding public meetings on the project (addressing MPCA's draft 401 certification, draft water permit, and draft air permit and DNR's draft permit to mine) on February 7 in Aurora and February 8 in Duluth. For additional information on these meetings, please visit the PolyMet Portal or see our [public notice](#) meeting announcement.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Melissa

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